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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDIAN AID TO NORTH VIETNAM

REF: NEW DELHI 11417

1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON NEA/INS (KUX AND MORLEY) BY
FINANCE MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY KRISHNASWAMY SEPTEMBER 2,
QUESTION OF INDIAN AID FOR NORTH VIETNAM CAME UP. WE
POINTED OUT THAT WHILE FINAL WORD STILL PENDING FROM LAWYERS,
IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT INDIA'S SMALL COMMODITY ASSIST-
ANCE PROGRAM (SOME BUFFALOES AND ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
KITS) WOULD RENDER INDIA INELIGIBLE FOR TITLE I ASSISTANCE
BECAUSE OF SECTION 103(D) OF PL 480. WE NOTED THAT CURRENT
FY 1976 AID LEGISLATION INCLUDED WAIVER PROVISION FOR 103
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(D) BUT UNTIL BILL IS ENACTED, WE WOULD HAVE TO ACT ON

ASSUMPTION INDIA WOULD BE INELIGIBLE.

2. KRISHNASWAMY SAID THAT GOI WAS AWARE OF 103(D) PROBLEM AND INTERESTED IN FINDING WAY AROUND IT. HE NOTED THAT GOI HAD SO FAR NOT REPEAT NOT SHIPPED ANY COMMODITY AID TO NORTH VIETNAM AND SAID IT WAS NOT GOI'S INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM THAT WOULD BRING IT IN VIOLATION OF 103(D) NOTWITHSTANDING WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SAID. WE COMMENTED THAT WE WERE FRANKLY CONFUSED IN LIGHT OF FLAT STATEMENT GIVEN

OUR EMBASSY IN DELHI BY RESPONSIBLE GOI OFFICIAL TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WOULD BE A COMMODITY AID PROGRAM AS WELL AS PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT BY INDIA'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO HANOI. KRISHNASWAMY SAID THAT PERHAPS BEST WAY TO CLARIFY SITUATION WOULD BE FOR OUR EMBASSY IN DELHI TO SEEK OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM GOI WHETHER INDIA IN FACT INTENDS TO PROVIDE COMMODITY ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM.

3. WE AGREED THAT WE WOULD ASK EMBASSY DELHI TO FOLLOW UP AS SUGGESTED BY KRISHNASWAMY. KISSINGER

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